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Selectmen's Report.

To the tax payers and citizens of the town of Franconia;

The undersigned very respectfully submit the following report of their administration of the town of Franconia for the fiscal year ending February 15th, 1898:

Receipts.

Cash on hand Feb. 15th, 1897	\$ 297 62
Grafton county pauper claim	67 44
Bounty on hawks	3 00
J. E. Henry & Son, amount of old tax	538 18
Railroad tax	135 76
Savings bank tax	365 74
Literary fund	50 84
George H. Burt, dog licenses	44 00
L. H. Glover, collector for 1896	96 05
W. J. B. Stanley, rental	3 00
L. H. Glover, collector for 1897	4,786 95
George H. Burt, for lot in new cemetery	10 00
H. H. Clark, on account of new cemetery	
balance from last year	13 45
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	\$6,412 03

Disbursements.

Paid county tax	\$ 997 70
Paid state tax	810 00
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	\$1,807 70

Lighting Street.

George B. Clough, oil and labor	\$287 25
W. F. Parker, material	23 49

\$310 74

Lumber.

W. A. Brooks	\$162 18
C. A. Young, Easton bill for 1896	6 00
Frank P. Whitney	3 00

\$171 18

New Iron Bridges.

Across Lafayette brook, and two new stone abutments.

Vermont Construction Company	\$325 00
W. A. Brooks, lumber	70 50
E. D. Chase	19 50
Bowles & Brothers	96 00
W. B. Chase	33 90
Ed. Commette	45 15
Charlie Commette	11 25
F. P. Tucker	21 15
Joseph Tabby	7 65
Frank P. Clark	9 30
Edson & Bailey	3 25
David Dexter	2 50
Edward Commette	1 90
Edward Commette	15 00

\$662 05

School Supplies.

Henry W. Noyes, treasurer	\$500 00
" " " "	50 00
" " " "	15 00

\$565 00

Watering Troughs.

Franconia aqueduct company	\$12 00
Oraman G. Crane	2 00
Harry A. Bowles	2 50
Alvin Grimes	3 00
Samuel J. Pease	3 00
I. H. Glover	3 00
Henry W. Noyes	5 00
Eugene E. Bowles	2 50
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	\$33 00

New Cemetery.

Moses Wells, labor	\$30 55
George A. Sawyer, labor	8 48
William Jefferson, on M. A. Dow lot	15 00
Henry Spooner, labor in old cemetery	3 00
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	\$57 03

Free Public Library.

Calvin E. Bowles, repairs on library room	\$ 10 35
Trustees of the library	167 48
B. H. Corning, insurance	13 50
Republican Press Association	6 52
Enterprise printing house	75
Daisy E. Woodward, librarian	50 00
Henry H. Clark, books for library	25 00
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	\$273 60

Town Paupers.

Wells & Bingham, coffin and box for Mrs. Charles Wells	\$12 00
George W. McGregor, on account of Chas. Wells	5 00
Mrs. Henry Hariman, keeping tramp	2 00

H. C. Aldrich, keeping tramp	1 50
Eugene E. Bowles, keeping tramp	1 50
J. A. Morris, on account Mrs. Ira Bowen, 1896	12 25
Henry Harriman, digging grave for Mrs. Charles Wells	5 00
George H. Burt, keeping tramps	6 25
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	\$45 50

County Paupers.

George H. Burt, on account Benjamin Judd	\$41 60
" " " " "	1 50
Alvah E. Berwick, " " "	1 00
W. F. Parker, " " "	13 45
W. A. Brooks, " " "	2 20
H. R. Priest, " " "	4 00
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	\$63 75

Miscellaneous.

Franconia aqueduct company, for iron pipe	\$ 2 00
W. F. Parker, for stationery	30
E. C. Eastman, for blank books	8 40
J. A. Morris, returning births and deaths, 1896	2 50
Courier Publishing Co., printing	25 60
L. M. Aldrich, land damage	2 00
Paid interest on note \$1,000, three months and twelve days	14 17
W. F. Parker, on account schools	93 22
H. L. Johnson, returning births and deaths	3 25
W. F. Parker, on account highways	6 20
C. H. Corey, blacksmith bill	5 13
George H. Burt, copying annual settlement for 1895 and 1896	2 00

George H. Burt, making copy of check list to state librarian	50	
George H. Burt, postage, express and sta- tionery	89	
George H. Burt, licensing twenty-three dogs	4 60	
George H. Burt, killing two dogs		2 00
George H. Burt, recording marriages, births and deaths	6 30	
Parker & Whitney, for bobbin shavings	10 00	
L. B. Howard, on account highways for 1896	75	
I. H. Glovier, Decoration day	25 00	
Osman Parker, use of hall	25 00	
Bingham, Mitchell & Batchellor, bill for services, 1897	40 00	
George W. McGregor, returning births and deaths	50	
Alvin Grimes, sheep damage	4 00	
H. R. Priest, school supplies	8 22	
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		\$292 53

Abatement of Taxes.

James H. Streeter, for 1896	\$ 84
Edward Pease, for 1896	1 37
Ira Bowen, for 1896	1 37
Benjamin S. Judd, for 1896	37
Benjamin S. Judd, for 1897	1 30
John Mehan, for 1897	1 30
George Montgomery, for 1897	53
Frank Tucker, for 1897	1 30
David B. Phillips, over tax	4 63
Harry H. Young, over tax	1 30
E. C. Morey, over tax	2 08
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\$16 39

Town Officers.

W. F. Parker, treasurer	\$ 15 00
W. F. Parker, moderator, March, 1897	2 00
C. E. Whipple, member of school board	5 00
E. E. Bowles, member of school board	5 00
H. L. Johnson, health officer, 1897	15 00
J. A. Morris, health officer, 1896	41 55
W. B. Chase, supervisor, 1897	3 00
George H. Burt, auditor, 1897	2 00
George H. Burt, police officer, 1897	5 00
George H. Burt, supervisor, 1896 and 1897	4 00
George H. Burt, dog constable	3 00
George H. Burt, town clerk	15 00
George H. Burt, overseer	4 00
I. H. Glovier, collector, 1897	50 00
E. E. Bowles, selectman, 1897	29 00
W. A. Brooks, selectman, 1897	37 00
Osman Parker, selectman, 1897	40 00
Osman Parker, treasurer of school district, 1895 and 1896	10 00
H. H. Clark, member of school board	10 00
H. H. Clark, balance for services, select- man, expenses and cash paid for 1896 and 1897	31 60

\$327 15

Road Agents' Accounts.

C. F. EDSON.

1897

Apr.	19	H. C. Aldrich	\$ 2 25
May	15	H. C. Aldrich	5 62
	20	C. H. Gould	4 50
	22	Frank Sanborn	10 12
		H. C. Aldrich	5 25
	26	F. G. Hatch	1 50
June	5	C. E. Whipple	2 50
		H. C. Aldrich	5 62
		True Sanborn	6 37
	12	S. J. Pease	6 00
		C. A. Watson	3 00
		C. K. Corliss	8 00
		J. F. Quimby	1 50
	14	Frank Sanborn	11 62
	19	H. C. Aldrich	11 50
	26	Frank Sanborn	7 50
		C. C. Edson	13 50
		H. C. Aldrich	6 75
	30	Alex Jesseman	13 50
		George B. Clough	2 50
		Charles Jesseman	2 25
		Charles Stanley	4 50
		F. G. Hatch	1 50
		Frank Sanborn	1 50
July	2	H. C. Aldrich	5 25
		Albert Richardson	6 00
	23	C. C. Edson	15 00
Aug.	30	C. C. Edson	11 25
Oct.	22	J. W. Bean	6 00

Nov.	4	C. E. Harriman	11 25
	5	H. C. Aldrich	4 50
	13	Frank Sanborn	6 00
		George B. Clough	1 50
Dec.	3	H. C. Aldrich	1 50
1898			
Jan.	6	J. P. Callahan	7 50
Feb.	4	J. H. Callahan	11 35
	10	W. H. Streeter	1 00
	15	Caleb Huntoon	2 00
		Brooks & Whitney	1 50
		John M. Bickford	8 50

\$238 95

Per bills on file for the year ending February 15, 1898.

1897

		Forty-three hours, self and horse	\$10 75
Apr.	8	One day, self	2 00
		One day, horse	50
	10	One-half day, self	1 00
	16	One-half day, self	1 00
		Paid Melver	25
May	19	One-half day, self and two horses	1 75
	20	One day, self and two horses	3 50
	21	One day, self and two horses	3 50
	22	One day, self and two horses	3 50
	24	One-half day, two horses	75
		Three-fourths day, self	1 50
	25	One-half day, self and two horses	1 75
June	1	One day, self and team	3 50
	2	One day, self and team	3 50
	4	One-half day, self	1 00
		One-half day, team	75
	7	One day, self and team	3 50
	8	One day, self and team	3 50
	9	One day, self and team	3 50
	14	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	15	One day, self and team	3 50
	16	Drawing cement for new bridge	1 12
	17	One day, self and team	3 50

	18	One day, self and team	3 50
	19	One day, self and team	3 50
	21	One day, self and team	3 50
	22	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	23	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	24	One day, self and team	3 50
	25	One day, self and team	3 50
	26	One day, self and team	3 50
	28	One day, self and team	3 50
	29	One day, self and team	3 50
July	1	One day, self and team	3 50
	2	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	7	One day, self and team	3 50
	8	One day, self and team	3 50
	9	One day, self and team	3 50
	14	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	15	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	16	One day, self and team	3 50
	17	One day, self and team	3 50
	21	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	23	One day, self and team	3 50
	28	One-half day, self and team	1 75
Aug.	3	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	6	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	9	One day, self and team	3 50
	10	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	13	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	16	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	18	One day, self and team	3 50
	19	One day, self and team	3 50
	20	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	23	One day, self and team	3 50
	24	One-third day, self and team	1 17
	25	One day, self and team	3 50
	26	One day, self and team	3 50
	27	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	28	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	30	One-half day, self and team	1 75
Sept.	1	One day, self and team	3 50
	2	One day, self	2 00

		One-half day, horses	75
	6	One day, self and horses	3 50
	7	One day, self and horses	3 50
		Two loads shavings	2 00
	25	Two and one-half hours labor	50
	27	One-half day, self and team	1 75
Oct.	8	One day, self and team	3 50
	9	One day, self and team	3 50
	13	One day, self and team	3 50
	15	One day, self and team	3 50
	19	One day, self and team	3 50
	20	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	21	One day, self and team	3 50
	22	One day, self and team	3 50
	25	One day, self and team	3 50
	26	One day, self and team	3 50
	27	Two and one-half hours labor on bridge and sidewalk	50
Oct.	28	One day, self and team	3 50
	29	One day, self and team	3 50
Nov.	6	Two and one-half hours on side- walk	50
	18	One day, self and team	3 50
	19	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	27	One-half day, self	1 00
Dec.	9	Paid A. E. Streeter for one-half day	75
	15	One-half day, self	1 00
	16	One-half day, self	1 00
1898			
Jan.	1	Rolling snow	2 00
	6	Cleaning sidewalks and rolling snow	2 00
	13	One-half day, self	1 00
	19	One-half day, self and team	1 75
	24	One-half day, self	1 00
	26	One-half day, rolling snow	2 00
Feb.	1	Breaking roads, self and four horses	5 00
		Paid C. H. Gould	25
		Paid C. C. Edson	50
	2	One-half day, self and four horses	2 50
		One-half day, self and two horses	1 75

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WILLIAM B. CHASE.

1897

Mar. 30	Frank P. Tucker	\$ 1 50
May 15	Charles Commette	1 10
14	Joseph Tabby	1 65
21	Frank P. Clark	1 65
26	Edward Commette	1 65
June 4	Frank P. Tucker	2 40
14	Frank P. Clark	14 37
15	Charles E. Harriman	10 50
16	Edward Torpey	4 50
19	James W. Bean	2 50
20	Oraman G. Crane	6 87
28	Alvin Grimes	15 00
	True Sanborn	6 87
July 2	S. S. Johnson	4 87
	True Sanborn	6 62
3	Oraman G. Crane	5 00
	Clarence Corliss	7 00
	Alvin Grimes	15 50
	E. F. Grimes	6 62
19	Frank P. Tucker	1 62
27	Frank P. Clark	4 25
Aug. 20	Ira P. Clark	4 50
Sept. 6	Ira Powers	1 50
	Lester F. Smith	3 00
Oct. 18	Edward Torpey	19 25
16	Edward D. Chase	33 00
	True Sanborn	19 25
	H. C. Aldrich	19 25
Nov. 1	Harvey Tucker	19 25
9	Frank Gleason	6 75
30	Harvey Tucker	11 25
Dec. 21	Edward D. Chase	27 75
29	George Quimby	4 95
June 20	E. F. Grimes	6 25
1898		
Feb. 15	C. A. Watson	7 72
	E. E. Bowles	46 40

Per bills on file for the year ending February 15, 1898.

1897

Mar.	10	One day chopping out water bars	\$2 00
	11	One-half day on Kerr's road	1 00
	12	One-half day on Cole hill, ditches and bars	1 00
	13	One-half day on George Quimby road, ditches and bars	1 00
Apr.	4	One day on Notch road, ditches and bars	2 00
	5	One day on Notch road, ditches and bars	2 00
	6	One day on Notch road and Quim- by road	2 00
	12	One day on Notch road, chopping ice and ditches	2 00
	14	One day on Butter hill and Kerr roads and bars	2 00
	15	One day on Cole hill, ditches and water on main road	2 00
	16	One day clearing out water courses	2 00
	19	One day on Notch road, water	2 00
	21	One-half day on Notch road, water	1 00
	17	One-half day on Notch road, water	1 00
	25	One-half day, filling gullies	1 00
	26	One-half day, filling gullies	1 00
	28	One day, self and team, drawing dirt and stone	3 50
May	3	One-fourth day, blasting stone	50
	14	Eleven hours, putting in bridge on Notch road	2 20
June	5	One day, on Bowles road	2 00
	6	Two hours, on Notch road	40
	7	One day, on Notch road, self and team	3 50
	8	One day, on Notch road, self and team	3 50
	9	One day, on Notch road, self and team	3 50

	10	One day, on Notch road, self and team	3 50
	11	One day, on Notch road, self and team	3 50
	12	One day, on Notch road, self and team	3 50
	14	One day, on Notch road, self and team	3 50
July	1	One day, home district, self and team	3 50
	2	One day, home district, self and team	3 50
	5	One day, holding road machine for Whitney	2 00
	7	One-half day, on Notch railings	1 00
	8	One day, on Notch railings	2 00
	9	One day, on Notch railings	2 00
	10	One-half day, on Notch railings	1 00
	14	One-half day, turning water and cutting trees	2 00
	19	One-half day, self and team on Notch road, fixing washout	2 25
	26	One-half day, planking Black Brook bridge	1 00
	27	One-half day, picking stone on Notch road	1 00
Aug.	14	One day, picking stone on Notch road	2 00
	16	One day, fixing water bars on Notch road	2 00
Sept.	8	One-half day, building railing on Notch road	1 00
	9	One day, building railing on Notch road	2 00
	11	One day, building railing on Notch road	2 00
	13	Three-fourths day, building railing on Notch road	1 50
	14	One-half day, building railing on Notch road	1 00

	28	One-half day, w th team, on Notch road	1 75
	29	One-half day, planking Black Brook bridge	1 00
Oct.	11	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	12	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	13	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	14	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	15	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	16	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	18	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	19	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	20	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	21	One day, cleaning out ditches	2 00
	22	One day, putting in water course	2 00
	23	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	26	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
	27	One day, cutting bushes on Notch road	2 00
	28	One day, with team, on Notch road	3 50
Nov.	3	Three hours, putting in box water course, Notch road	60
	4	One day, with team on Bowles Hill	3 50
	5	One day, with team, on Bowles Hill	3 50
Nov.	6	One-half day, with team on Bowles Hill	1 75

	8	One day, with team on Bowles Hill	3 50
	9	One-fourth day, with team on Quimby Hill washout	87
	10	One-half day, with team on Quimby Hill washout	1 75
	11	One-half day, with team on Quimby Hill washout	1 75
	21	One day, on George Quimby road	2 00
Dec.	11	One-half day, on ditches	1 00
	15	One-half day on Notch road ditches and bars	1 00
	16	One day, putting in causeway	2 00
	18	One-half day, on Quimby Hill washout	1 00

1898

Jan.	1	Three hours with team breaking road	1 00
	7	Work on road, cutting out sluice, Quimby Hill	1 50
	13	Turning water, Notch road	75
Feb.	1	Breaking road with team	1 00
	7	Breaking road with team and man	3 60
	12	One-half day, cutting water bars on Notch road	1 00

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 FRANK P. WHITNEY.

1897

May	11	George H. Handy	\$ 3 68
July	6	Clarence Corliss	24 20
	7	George Montgomery	3 00
Aug.	11	George H. Handy	12 97
	24	S. S. Johnson	5 45
Sept.	2	E. F. Grimes	6 45

Nov. 10	Joseph Delage	11 40
16	Eugene Brooks	3 15
26	Clarence Corliss	5 00
30	W. S. Spooner	11 80

1898

Jan. 25	Harry A. Bowles	4 95
Feb. 8	H. P. Goddard	3 90
14	George H. Handy	7 20
	Alvin Grimes	9 45
	George A. Wells	4 35
	Joseph Sherburn	7 35
	Freeman Quimby	1 35
	Henry Spooner	13 35
	Harry A. Bowles	90
	Chester Eastman	4 75
15	I. H. Glovier	3 00
	Samuel J. Pease	24 25
	Lewis Caderette	3 00
	George H. Handy	12 50

 \$187 40

1897

Mar. 22	One pair horses, four hours	\$ 60
May 8	One pair horses, four and one-half hours	67
14	One pair horses, ten hours	1 50
31	One pair horses, five hours	75
June 1	One pair horses, ten hours	1 50
	One pair horses, five hours	75
9	Two pair horses, eight hours	2 40
11	One pair horses, ten hours	1 50
14	Two pair horses, ten hours	3 00
15	One pair horses, eight hours	1 20
16	One pair horses	50
21	One pair horses, ten hours	1 50
July 5	One pair horses, ten hours	1 50
Aug. 17	One pair horses, nine hours	1 35
Sept. 7	One pair horses, eight hours	1 20
Oct. 9	One pair horses, five hours	75
15	One pair horses, five hours	75
19	One pair horses, eight hours	1 20

	20	One pair horses, nine hours	1 35
	21	One pair horses, nine hours	1 35
	22	One pair horses, nine hours	1 35
Nov.	5	One pair horses, nine hours	1 35
	6	One pair horses, nine hours	1 35
	18	One pair horses, eight hours	1 20
	27	One pair horses, five hours	75
Dec.	11	One pair horses, five hours	75
	16	One pair horses, four hours	60
1898			
Feb.	1	One pair horses, four hours	60
	2	One pair horses, eight hours	1 20
	6	One pair horses, five hours	75
	7	One pair horses, six hours	90
	8	One pair horses, four hours	60
1897			
July		One pair horses, on Mountain road and Butter hill	6 00
		Labor	1 50
Mar.	10	Six hours on brook, self	1 20
	12	Four hours on brook, self	80
	13	Five hours on brook, self	1 00
	19	Two hours on brook, self	40
	22	Eight hours, breaking road, self	1 60
Apr.	2	Eight hours, self	1 60
	12	Two and one-half hours, self	50
	22	Five hours, self	1 00
May	8	Four and one-half hours, self	90
	14	Ten hours, self	2 00
	31	Five hours, self	1 00
June	1	Ten hours, self	2 00
	2	Ten hours, self	2 00
	3	Five hours, self	1 00
	9	Eight hours, self	1 60
	11	Ten hours, self	2 00
	12	Eight hours, self	1 60
	11	Ten hours, self	2 00
	15	Ten hours, self	2 00
	16	Ten hours, self	2 00
	17	Ten house, self	2 00

	18	Ten hours, self	2 00
	21	Ten hours, self	2 00
July	5	Ten hours, self	2 00
July		Two days on Mountain road	3 00
		Two days on Butter hill, etc.	4 00
Aug.	17	Nine hours, self	1 80
Sept.	7	Eight hours, self	1 60
Oct.	9	Nine hours, self	1 80
	15	Eight hours, self	1 60
	19	Ten hours, self	2 00
	20	Nine hours, self	1 80
	22	Nine hours, self	1 80
Nov.	5	Nine hours, self	1 80
	6	Nine hours, self	1 80
	18	Eight hours, self	1 60
	27	Eight hours, self	1 60
Dec.	11	Five hours, self	1 00
	16	Eight hours, self	1 60
1898			
Feb.	1	Four hours, self	80
	2	Eight hours, self	1 60
	6	Five hours, self	1 00
	7	Six hours, self	1 20
	8	Four hours, self	80

\$114 62

D. K. PRIEST.

1898

Feb.	15	C. F. Eastman, breaking Notch road and building rail fence in 1896 and 1897	\$57 25
		John M. Bickford, breaking road in March, 1897	1 50
		Chester Eastman, labor on highway, March, 1897	3 80
		Harry A. Bowles, labor on highway, March, 1897	60

D. K. Priest, labor on highway, March, 1897	5 40
James Quimby, labor on highway, March, 1897	3 00
Henry Spooner, labor on Max- well brook	3 00
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	\$74 55

Summarized Statement.

Receipts.

Cash on hand, February 15th, 1897	\$ 297 62
Grafton county pauper claim	67 44
State of New Hampshire, bounty on hawks	3 00
J. E. Henry & Sons, old tax	538 18
Railroad tax	135 76
Savings bank tax	365 74
Literary fund	50 84
George H. Burt, dog licenses	44 00
I. H. Glovier, collector for 1896	96 05
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George H. Burt, for lot in new cemetery	10 00
H. H. Clark, on account of new cemetery, balance from last year	13 45
W. J. B. Stanley, rental	3 00
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Expenditures.

Lighting streets	\$ 310 74
Lumber	171 18
New iron bridge and stone work	662 05
Schools	565 00
Watering troughs	33 00
County tax	997 70
State tax	810 00

Public library	273 60
Town paupers	45 50
County paupers	63 75
Miscellaneous	292 53
Town officers	867 48
Highways	853 01
New cemetery	57 03
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	\$6,002 57

LIABILITIES.

C. E. Whipple, note and interest four per cent.	\$ 518 74
C. E. Whipple, note and interest four per cent.	280 54
Joel Spooner, note and interest four per cent.	298 55
H. W. Noyes, note and interest four per cent.	1,517 17
Elmore Whipple, note and interest four per cent.	389 88
Lydia Spooner, note and interest four per cent.	229 04
Lydia Spooner, note and interest four per cent.	119 12
Henry Spooner, note and interest four per cent.	476 53
D. K. Priest, note and interest four per cent.	590 76
Emma C. Hildreth, note and interest four per cent.	307 18
Lucy Goddard, note and interest four per cent.	331 51
H. P. Goddard, note and interest four per cent.	165 75
Emma J. Cheney, note and interest four per cent.	55 04
E. H. Goodnow, note and interest three and one-half per cent.	541 38
Dow cemetery pond	100 00
The Dr. Moody cemetery pond	28 00
Due the school district	604 84
Due county of Grafton on account Mrs. Ezra Aldrich from September 1, 1897, to February 15, 1898, per bill	93 83
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	\$6,647 86

ASSETS.

Due from Mrs. Horace Knight	\$120 00	
Due from town of Livermore, one-half expense running town line in 1892	18 75	
Interest on same to date	3 55	
Due from C. F. Edson, money unaccount- ed for in 1896	41 22	
Due on tax bill of 1897	200 00	
Due from W. W. Corey, money ad- vanced and expenses and attend- ants to and from Concord in 1896	31 85	
Due from county of Grafton, pauper bill for 1897	63 75	
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	\$479 12	
Cash in treasury	409 45	
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		\$ 888 58
Total debt February 15, 1898		5,759 28
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		\$6,647 86

New Cemetery.

RECEIPTS.

H. H. Clark, balance from last year	\$13 45	
George H. Butt	10 00	
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		\$23 45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid in orders drawn on the treasurer:		
Moses Wells, for labor	\$30 55	
George A. Sawyer, for labor	8 48	
William Jefferson, on the Dow lot	15 00	
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		\$54 03

Due for lots sold and unpaid for as follows:

C. H. Locke	\$ 10 00
G. A. Quimby	10 00
Henry Harriman	10 00
J. W. Bean	10 00
G. F. Smith	10 00
B. S. Judd	10 00
J. C. Bostwick	10 00
A. Jesseman	10 00
C. Jesseman	10 00
H. Aldrich	10 00
Mrs. H. Knight	10 00
Thaddeus Quimby	10 00
Thaddeus Quimby	10 00
Joseph Smith	10 00
Ira Bowen	10 00
Charles Knight	10 00
J. R. Streeter	10 00
Charles Wells	10 00
John B. Kendall, 2d	10 00

\$190 00

OSMAN PARKER,	} Selectmen of Franconia.
E. E. BOWLES,	
W. A. BROOKS,	

This may certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1898, that I have seen a voucher for each disbursement and have found the accounts accurately cast.

HENRY H. CLARK, Auditor.

Franconia, N. H., Feb. 25, 1898.

Library Trustees.

The citizens of Franconia are to be congratulated on the possession of a free public library that would indeed be a credit to a town of five thousand inhabitants, and no less sincerely also upon their noble generosity out of which this library has been enabled to reach its present proportions in so short a time.

Our library is now in no sense an experiment. It has come to stay. It is verily a part of us and is growing in favor and popularity every day. This is as it should be. Our children demand greater privileges, better and larger opportunities, than their grand-parents had and they must have them. It is the unquestioned duty, and, at the same time, the highest privilege of our citizens to see that these privileges and opportunities keep abreast the progress of the age; that every incentive that could tend to make life rich, full and complete, offered elsewhere, shall be found here; that we offer as great inducements to home-makers as other towns can offer.

Nobly indeed have our people responded thus far. By their faithful maintenance of our churches, schools and library; by their emphatic denunciation of the liquor traffic, they are fast purifying the moral atmosphere of our beautiful mountain town, and they—the hard-working, self-denying people, should have the credit for this great work.

By means of the generous appropriation voted last March your trustees have been able to add to our number one hundred and eighty-five choice volumes. The eagerness with which the “new books” were sought and read, and many times re-read, is conclusive evidence that the selection was approved by our patrons. Twelve volumes have been donated during the year. We have now therefore upon our shelves 1,428 volumes.

During the year an equivalent of 2,709 books has been loaned by the librarian. Of this number 2,471 are works of

fiction; 36 are works of history; 43 are works of biography; 61 are works of travel, and 98 are miscellaneous works.

Your trustees, having recently completed their annual inspection of the books, are pleased to report that they found them in good condition. Whenever a book has been seriously injured or lost, the patron thus unfortunate has, in each instance, willingly replaced the book with a new one.

The trustees are pleased to acknowledge the uniform courtesy shown by the patrons of the library both to the librarian and to themselves, and the kind observance of the prescribed rules. They also beg to express the hope that the deep interest of our citizens in our library may, as heretofore, find expression in a generous appropriation for its maintenance, and they would respectfully suggest that \$150 be appropriated for the purchase of books and \$50 for the salary of the librarian.

HENRY H. CLARK, } Trustees.
WILBUR F. PARKER. }

Franconia, N. H., February 15, 1898.

School Board.

As heretofore, two schools have been maintained during the year, and good work has been done. This work is not mere show, but solid and substantial,—work that makes character. The teachers have been faithful and the schools have been a credit to every fireside in our town.

It has been the intention of the undersigned to equip these schools with the best and freshest books, the latest and most approved aids in teaching. We have therefore introduced several new text-books, purchased a globe, maps, a pencil sharpener, etc., etc.

We have received moneys as follows:

From the town, tax required by law	\$ 810 00
From the town, special appropriation	300 00
From H. R. Priest, rental on postoffice building	40 00
From the town, rental on "school lot"	6 00
From W. J. B. Stanley, rental on "school lot"	3 00
From the state, literary fund	50 84
From tuitions	52 00

Total available school funds for the fiscal year
ending February 15, 1898 \$1,261 84

The report of the district treasurer will show in detail the disbursements and the balance of money unexpended.

We would bespeak for our people a more active interest in the working of our schools. We would urge them to visit the schools more frequently, not merely as spectators, but as interested parties,—those who pay the bills and expect value received, to consult more freely with the teachers and to encourage them by their interest and sympathy. This is a duty that every parent owes to his child and one that should not be delegated or overlooked.

Progress has long been our watchword, and much, very much, has been accomplished, but the end is not yet. Let us unitedly strive to make our common schools more, and still more, effective. We have all the necessary means at our command.

Our boys and girls are as capable as are those of other towns, and our tax-payers are as generous in voting the needed appropriations.

Now let our citizens,—the fathers and mothers, act well their own peculiar part and our schools may soon rank with the first in the state.

HENRY H. CLARK,	} School Board	
C. E. WHIPPLE,		of
E. E. BOWLES,		Franconia.

Franconia, N. H., Feb. 15, 1898.

Births Registered in the Town of Franconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex	Color.	Living or Stillb'n	No. of Children 1st, 2d, etc.	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Residence	Father's Occupation	Father's Birthplace.	Mother's Birthplace	Father's Age	Mother's Age
1897													
Feb. 9		F	W	L	2	Charles Glover	Mabel Glover	Franconia	Carpenter	Franconia	Whitefield	30	23
Apr. 11		F			4	Elwyn C Nelson	Elizabeth Brooks	"	Farmer	Whitefield	Easton	33	35
May 23	Ger'de Har'm'n	F			6	Elroy Harriman	Mary E McCabe	"	Engineer	Whitefield	N'w Y'rk City	36	29
Sept. 27		M			5	William T Harney	Sylvia Caderette	Boston, Ms	Plumber	Boston, Ms	Franconia	35	27
Oct. 5	Sarah Deluge	F			4	Joseph Deluge	Kxulia Fortier	Franconia	Farmer	St Jolie Can'da	Franconia	30	22
Nov. 26		F			5	George A Quimby	Louellen Staples	"	Farmer	Franconia	Coaticook, P Q	44	32
Dec. 31		F			3	William H Aulls	Esther M Quimby	"	Mason	Franconia	Franconia	41	27

Marriages Registered in the Town of Franconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.	Name, Residence and official Station of person by whom married.
May 12	Littleton	William S Spooner	Franconia	31	w	Farmer	Franconia	Silas D Spooner	Farmer	1	J H Hoffman Littleton
		Myra L Farr	Littleton	25		Teacher	Littleton	Phebe L Spooner John W Farr	At home Farmer		
June 30	Littleton	Arthur E Bowles	Franconia	22		Engineer	Franconia	Alwilda P Farr	At home	1	F G Chutter Littleton
		Ethel M Bezanson	Littleton	18		Housework	Nova Scotia	Calvin E Bowles Laura E Bowles	Carpenter At home		
Oct. 13	Franconia	Osman Parker	Franconia	54			Lisbon	James Bezanson Eliza R Bezanson	Laborer At home	2	T Currier Craig Franconia
		Kate Harriman	"	36			Bethlehem	Esther Parker Henry Harriman			
Oct. 24	Franconia	Joseph P Sherburn	"	27		Farmer	Ellsworth	Ann Harriman David Sherburn	Farmer	1	F P Wornwood Franconia
		Mary B Whitney	"	25		Teacher	Franconia	Audust Ba'held'r Henry P Whitney	At home Farmer		
Nov. 17	Franconia	Melzar L Watson	"	18		Farmer	Franconia	Harriet N Whit'y Chas A Watson	Farmer	1	F P Wornwood Franconia
		Mabel L Fraser	"	19		Housework	Boston, Mass.	Eliz'th O Watson Alfred Fraser	Blacksmith		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Franconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date—1897.	Name and Surname of deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition.			Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.		Father.	Mother.		
Mar.	1 Charles W Wells	51	9	8	Franconia	M	W		M Farmer	Sutton	Franconia	Elias Wells	Ann Quimby
Mar.	15 Esther G Marston	77	4	22	Lisbon	F			W Housekeeper	Lisbon	Lisbon	Ashei Guernsey	Abigail Bowles
Mar.	16 Elvira S Moody	69	1	16	Landaff	F			W "		Landaff	John Stuart	Martha Drury
Apr.	1 John Callahan	67	10	17	Ireland	M			M Farmer	Cabot, Vt	Lyman	William B Clark	Myra Ann Waters
Apr.	29 Hannah M Wells	43	8	19	Landaff	F			W Housekeeper	St Giles, Can.	St Agathe, Can	Joseph Delage	Exelia Fortier
May	12 Lillian Delage	43	8	26	Franconia	F			"		W. Miland, Vt.	Aaron Chase	Lucinda Minot
July	31 Elneline Filgate	70	3	24	Cabot, Vt	F			W	Franconia	Shirley, Mass.	Hugh K Oakes	Elizabeth C Mead
Oct.	6 Simon Oakes	59	5	27	"	M			S Machinist	St Joile, Can.	St Eghat, Can.	Joseph Delage	Elulia Fortier

I hereby certify that the above records of births, marriages and deaths are correct,

G. H. BURT, Town Clerk.

